IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

APPLICATION BRANCH

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Serial No.: To Be Assigned

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For: FENCE SUPPORT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in the above-identified Application which is filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a) as a continuation of co-pending International Application No. PCT/NZ00/00104, filed June 20, 2000, International Publication No. WO 01/04440 A1, published January 18, 2001. See 35 U.S.C. §364 and 35 U.S.C. §120. Priority based thereon of June 20, 2000 is claimed and is further claimed for July 14, 1999, based on New Zealand Application No. 336774, filed on such date.

Prior to calculating the filing fee for this Application, please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A Substitute Specification is submitted herewith. It is requested that the Substitute Specification be substituted for the original Specification, the original of which is being